

TOWN OF CASCO
PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2022
6:30 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM

Present: Ryan Macalister, Stan Buchanan Pete Watkins, Marc Roque, Kendra Osborne, John Wiesemann, And Mary Tremblay, Alternates: Michele Williams, Tiffany Payton

Public Present: See Attached

First Order of Business:

- Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

- Determine a Quorum

A role call was done to determine a quorum
Five regular members present and two alternates

- Approval of the July 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Pete Watkins moved to approve the July 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Marc seconded the motion
The Board approved the motion 4-0 Stan absent that meeting

Old Business:

The Chair noted with no new business to discuss, he would move to the next Agenda item.

New Business:

- Discuss a request for a Noise Ordinance.
Material submitted by Steve Linne and Code Enforcement

John noted the following points:
No enforcement
It is not a business. It is a residential home
Not considered mass gathering with 20 people

No noise ordinance other than Site Plan standards for businesses

Stan noted with no enforcement, no other complaints it should be noted that it was discussed, and no action taken.

Ryan noted in this instance or type of situation call Cumberland County or go talk to your neighbors.

It was noted that many other towns do not have a “noise” ordinance but more for entertainment that mass gathering permits would be obtained.

It was decided by the board to take no action

- Start Discussion on Road and Street Standards and Requirements Ordinance to present to Selectboard for Town Meeting Vote

John stated this stems from the town plowing many private roads, which are not in good shape. The Town manager and Public Works Foreman looked at many of these roads and came up with if the road is not brought up to the 1972 road standards and if they do by a set date the town will continue to plow it, if it is not done it will need to be brought up to 2015 road standards. He noted this will make it more official and it is considered a land use, which brings it to the Planning Board for approval.

Pete asked which roads

John stated all roads. He noted this is a remake of the old ordinance, which is not clearly written

Ryan asked if this holds the Town to the same standards

John stated yes.

Ryan asked how this affects a road or private road not being plowed currently, which may have met the standards but not the new standards

John noted they would be grandfathered but not sure, that in the future they would have to bring it up to the current standards

Stan noted it would be helpful to have what the town standards are currently to compare them side by side. Right now it what is new, at this time the Board does not know what has been redacted or changed

Ryan noted it does not seem the same across the board; the board would be in favor to getting everything pulled together first.

Stan noted he was uncomfortable because the board does not have all the language in front of them to make a decision

John stated this meeting tonight is not for the board to make a decision, this is a preliminary discussion and once it is decided, it will then have to go to the Selectboard, joint meeting, a public meeting and to the Town for a vote at the annual meeting in June

Ryan suggested tabling this until the board has more information to make a decision.

John noted he would look to see if there is a red marked up version to compare too.

After a brief discussion, the board feels that it should be tabled until more information is obtained.

Stan moved to table the Road Ordinance for more information

Marc seconded the motion

The Board voted 5-0 in favor

Additions:

Marc gave a brief discussion on the MMA website and signing in.

Ryan suggested doing the FOAA training all at once in the meeting room if it could be set up.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting for Planning Board will be September 12, 2022 at 6:30

Adjourn Meeting:

Marc moved to adjourn the meeting

Stan seconded the motion

The Board voted 5-0 in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Ryan Macalister, Chair

Mary Tremblay, Deputy CEO